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ITALY



CYBERBULLYING LAWS IN ITALY

***ITALY GIVES GO-AHEAD TO
CYBERBULLYING LAW***

CYBERBULLYING

Despite its widespread nature, cyberbullying – and bullying in general – is not considered a crime in Italy. As such, bullying is only reported to the police in cases where the abusive behaviour takes a criminal form such as stalking or physical abuse – by which time it is often too late.



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- In May last year, Italy's senate unimously approved a draft bill to criminalize forms of cyberbullying and take measures to stamp it out in schools.

A graphic with the word "STOP" in large, colorful, rounded letters (S: red, T: orange, O: yellow, P: green) above the word "cyberbullying" in a bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font.

STOP
cyberbullying

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- Cyber bullies and online stalkers could face between one and six years in prison, following the approval of a new anti-bullying law by Italy's Chamber of Deputies.



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- Under the proposed law, owners of a website – including blogs and social media accounts– have 48 hours to remove offensive content before legal intervention from Italy’s “Garante della privacy”, the official institution in charge of protecting personal data.



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- Site moderators who fail to remove the offending content would face a fine, while those found guilty of cyber stalking or bullying, such as posting offensive content and circulating demeaning or offensive photos or videos, could be jailed for up to six years.

